

Appln. No.: 09/722,177
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Reply to Office Action dated December 30, 2004

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-32 remain in this case. Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 7-9, 11-12, 15-16, 19-20 and 23-25, 27-28 and 31-32 without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment has been made to facilitate prosecution. Applicant submits that this Amendment is supported by the Specification as originally filed, and does not introduce any new matter.

Claims claims 3, 4, 7-16, 19, 20 and 23-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended to recite "unsecure" and "secure" print heads in place of "first" and "second" print heads respectively. Claims 9 and 25 have been amended to refer to "non-authorization" data in place of "non-authentication" data. Claim 16 has been amended to depend on claim 15.

Claims 3, 4, 7-16, 19, 20 and 23-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In view of the foregoing amendments to claims, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 9 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 9 and 25 have been amended accordingly. The Examiner further indicates that claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10-16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26- 32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As previously stated, claims 3, 4, 7-8, 11-12, 15-16, 19-20 and 23-25, 27-28 and 31-32 have been amended accordingly. Claims 10, 13-14, 26 and 29-30 have not been amended because the amendment of the claims to which they depend address the respective rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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